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Cruth, like a torch, the more it's shook, it shines.

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## NEGRO REFLECTIONS.

Come er long an' put on de crown An' put ou de flowin robe; Yer kin praise the Lawd in sich a gown An' laugh at de biles of Job.

I fel from grace, but now I'se back Dun gone in de fold wid de lam' An' I cuts a caper wid a mighty fine knack

As I eats de religious ham.

Ebery man orter b'long to de church Ter keep outen de way ob sin, For den he'll not be left in de lurch, But will shine like a new brass pin.

My ole marse was a mighty bad man, An' he nebber would sing an' pray; An' whar he's gone he needs a fan, For wid him its a mighty hot day.

But marster's wife was a good old soul, An' she prayed to de Lawd on high, An' now she's got de crown ob gol' And libs on de heabenly pie.

I'se so good now dat I'll steal no mo' While I stands on de gospel boat; But ouce in a while I'll step on de sho' When I sees a nice fat shoat.

-Rev. J. S. Bailey, a Presbyterian minister, died suddenly on Tuesday of last week, of paralysis, at his home in Unionville, S. C. Late the evening before, he was on the streets, conversing freely and in apparent good health. About 9 o'clock his family discovered that his articulation was indistinct. He retired in apparently good spirits, but in a few moments he was discovered struggling in a paroxysm of paralysis. His wife and youngest daughter were the only persons with him at residence. the time, but their calls for help were soon responded to. He never spoke after he was attacked, and lingered in an unconscious state until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when he died. Thus Charleston the other day, and attract of them calling bimself Lane, murthe family were deprived of a kind husband and father, and four churches of their beloved pastor.

Inst., near Power's Shop, Laurens picked cotton. The bale was picked to belong to the "Redmond gang." County, aged about 65 years. He was near Sumter, S. C., by the cotton harhis faithful attention to his vocation accumulated a bandsome property. He leaves a wife and several children. day. The bale will be sent to the conhis community.

Lieut. General Sheridan Assumes New Time--How Clocks and Watch-Command of The United States es are To Be Revolutionized--The

WASHINGTON, November 1.—The formal transfer of the army of the United States from General W. T. which will not only change and regular transfer to repeal the unconstitutional states from General W. T. of the office. General Sherman and the members of his staff rendered him every assistance. Shortly before 12 parallels and each representing one o'clock the two highest officers of the hour. The first division, called the inarmy called on the Secretary of War, ter Colonial, begins at sixty degrees and to force the public to buy home General Sherman to take official leave West of Greenwich and runs to seven- made goods at higher prices than the and General Sheridan to report for ty-five degrees. eral Orders from General Sherman relinquishing, and Lieutenant-General middle States and the Southern Coast Sheridan assuming command, and announceing his staff. Shortly after the transfer General Sherman and General Sheridan held an informal reception, which was attended by all the officers of the army on duty in Washington; also by the officers of the Second Artillery stationed at Fort McHenry, and the Bureau officers of the War Department. They all took official leave of General Sherman, and were by him presented to General Sheridan. The officers of the Second Artillery were President.

THE PUBLIC DERT STATEMENT.

The debt statement issued to-day shows a reduction of the public debt during the month of October, to be \$10,304,798. The decrease of the debt since June 30, 1883, \$39,584,470.33. Cash in the Treasury, \$364,347,501.93; gold certificates, outstanding, \$83,328,-940.00; silver certificates, outstanding, of the Eastern division. Say they baby will be named Sells. \$99,570,141.00; certificate deposits, out-standing, \$2,620,000.00; refunding cer-nections will run by Central division tificates, outstanding, \$325,850.00, le-time and they can leave at 11:05, or gal tenders, outstanding, \$346,651,016,-00; fractional currency, outstanding, **\$5,990,303.31.** 

THE LAND OFFICE.

The annual report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, published today, states that pre-emption filings are being made or procured to be made, to a great extent for speculative purposes, and the Commissioner renews the recommendation that pre-emption, timber cutting and desert land laws be repealed, and that the commutation feature of the homestead laws be amended so as to require at least two years'

-The first bale of cotton ever picked from the field by machinery was have been living mysteriously in a child while in a wagon going to Newshown at the cotton exchange in swamp in Opelousas Parish, La. One berry to attend court last week. ed general attention. It was consider- dered a man and was killed resisting ed as good as hand picked cotton of arrest. His companion was called ter put about the neck at night is the same grade. It was conceded Brown, and claimed to be his cousin. good for the sore throat. that if placed with the others it could They acknowledge having fled from -James Holcombe died on the 2nd not be distinguished from the hand justice in North Carolina, and claimed a member of the Baptist Church. He vesting machine invented by C. T. Mawas a most successful farmer, and by son. Jr. It is operated by one was committed to jail yesterday on a He had the good will and respect of vention of the national cotton planters' representing the animal to be his.

New Standard to be General.

Sherman to Lieutenant-General P. H. late railroad time throughout the coun- tional act whereby the capital invested Sheridan, took place at noon to-day at try, but will also affect the standard in cotton factories is exempt from taxthe headquarters of the army, in the time of the entire country. The stan- ation," War Department building. General dards adopted by that Convention reg-Sheridan spent the forenoon in making ulate the time on this continent accord-question. The protective tariff levies a himself acquainted with the business ing to the meridian lines West from tax on all imports for the purpose of duty. The transfer was accomplished Brunswick. Nova Scotia, and part of robs the people by compelling them to quietly, and without any ceremony Canada. The next division is called pay more than they ought to pay for whatever, beyond the issuance of Gen- the Eastern, running from 75 to 90 de- things necessary for their comfortable grees. It includes all the Eastern and existence. States down to Georgia. Then comes home manufactures by decreasing the the Central division, including the ter- cost of their production. It leaves the General Sherman and General Sheri-time, and so have Atlanta and Chicago. dan, accompanied by the Secretary of This seems a little queer at first, but it The divisions will be easily learned and everybody will know that each division represents just one hour of time. Augusta will be in the Central division while Hamburg, just across the river, is 12 o'clock in Augusta just over the river it is only 11 o'clock. There will birth to a boy. Dr. Cary was called in. be three trains arriving at Augusta out Mother and child done well, and the apparently nearly an hour before the trains they connect with arrive.

> NEW HOME, NEW CITIZEN.-During the coming week Shumate, Grady & Nichols will begin the construction of quite a handsome residence in the West End, on Pendleton street, for W. Brunson, of Pickens County, who in- and Rutherfordton Railroad, and tends to remove to this city. The Drayton Township voted almost unanbuilding will be of frame and contain imously against it. six rooms. It will be in the form of a T. The larger wing will be 44x18 and the smaller 18x20. There will also be a library in the residence .-Greenville News.

-Two men from Asheville, N. C.,

-Robert W. Wilson, of Pickens, association at Vicksburg next month. Greenville Daily News, 4th inst.

The Abbeville Press and Banner. es are To Be Revolutionized -- The in offering suggestions for the approaching session of the Legislature,

It includes New foreign goods can be bought for. It

The tax exemption encourages ritory from 90 to 105 degrees. This market open, but enables the cotton takes in all the Southern States not in- manufacturer at home to make and cluded in the Eastern division and sell his goods at less cost than he could nearly all of what are called the Wes- do if he paid full taxes, the public retern States. The Mountain division ceiving the benefit of the reduction. takes in the territories nearly to Cali- The exemption of the mills does not rob fornia, and then comes the Pacific di- the taxpayer as the mills are newly vision, which extends to the coast. No created values which had no previous matter where a city or point is in any existence and have heretofore paid one of these divisions it has just the nothing. It benefits the taxpayer besame time as every other point in the cause it encourages the building of facthe only ones in full uniform. There entire division. For instance, New tories, which, at the expiration of a was no speech making. Subsequently York and Charleston have identical short time, become taxable, adding large sums to the taxable values and relieving all other property of much of War, made an official call upon the is thought that excellent results in the its share of the burden of supporting way of regularity will soon be observed. the government and paying the debt. -Greenville News.

> -A CIRCUS BABY .- A negro woman from Due West visited Sells' circus at Abbeville. After witnessing is in the Eastern. Therefore when it the performances for some time she re-

> > -The directors of the different Narrow Guage railroads from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Georgetown, S. C., have postponed action on the proposal to consolidate them all under a Boston syndicate.

> > In Union county on Monday, Union and Goshen Townships voted subscriptions to the Union, Gaffney City

> > -U. B. Whites, the defaulting Treasurer of Newberry County, has been sent to jail for a year, in default of \$1,000 fine.

> > -A colored woman gave birth to a

-A cloth wrung out from cold wa-

-Two million tons of tobacco are annually consumed by the human race.

--- Union County has only 700 delin-

Never Judge by appearances, A Ishabby old coat may contain an editor.